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Subject: Fw: New Forest Service Watershed Restoration Action Plan documents

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Attachments: list of 2011 WRAP priority watersheds.xlsx

Hey,

Have you downloaded the WRAP plan for Bozeman Creek? Would you mind forwarding it to me?

Thanks,

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Some of these watersheds overlap with ongoing TMDL related work. The below link provides detailed information that some of you should be aware and familiar with for areas you are working.

The ones that I picked out are Sheppard Creek (Jim, Jason – Flathead) and Hyalite & Bozeman Creeks (Christian, Lisa – Lower Gallatin).

From: Kelley, Mark

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As part of a national Forest Service initiative, Montana forests were requested to prepare plans for restoring aquatic conditions for two watersheds on each forest. This restoration work is intended to improve a watershed by one watershed condition class level according to the Forest Service watershed aquatic condition class system (i.e. from- not functioning properly (3) to functioning at risk (2); or from functioning at risk (2) to fully functioning (1)), rather than to just meet water quality standards. This fall, each of the nine Montana national forests delivered two "priority" watershed restoration plans to the regional office, and these 18 WRAP plans have now been compiled. These priority restoration watersheds are intended as targets for upcoming Forest Service watershed work, with each plan having sets of short term restoration actions (a mini WRP). Note that these forest WRAPs are preliminary internal FS working documents (i.e. these are work plans for future funding priorities not commitments) and can be changed at any time.

The list of these 18 watersheds is attached, with each watershed having a 5 to 10 page WRAP plan for restoration work for the next 2 to 10 years. Copies of each individual WRAP is located in:

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I would hope that these WRAPs will be useful for two purposes: 1. In targeting watered restoration activities for the Forest Service and likely DEQ partnerships/assistance, and 2. As a starting point for activities with other local watershed groups/agencies (especially FWP/DNRC and TU) for potential clusters of watershed restoration activities and/or cooperative watershed restoration work. Please take a look at the individual WRAPs in the directory for more details on the FS [planned watershed restoration actions.

And, I will be incorporating these plans into the Forestry section of our draft NPS plan.

Mark

